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THE PROBLEM:

Mercury pollution has resulted in fish consumption advisories all over the state.

Erco Worldwide chlorine chemical plant in Port Edwards is the largest single source of toxic mercury emissions in Wisconsin.

This plant emits 1000 pounds of mercury per year because obsolete technology is being used.

90% of the chlorine made in the U.S. is made with mercury-free technology.

Conversion to non-mercury technology is feasible. Plants in Europe are required to convert to mercury-free technology by 2007, and a plant in Louisiana has announced its plans to convert by 2007.

WHEREAS: The D.N.R. is reviewing Erco Worldwide's air permit,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual Meeting in Ozaukee County on April 10, 2006, recommends that the DNR not issue the air permit, and that mercury-free chlorine production be required in Wisconsin by 2007.

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